

Storage Program Overview

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ARPA-E's Storage Portfolio Has Grown Rapidly

>\$200M of Funding for Storage Technology Since 2009

PROGRAM	TECHNOLOGY AREA	FUNDING (\$M)	# PROJECTS
OPEN 2009	Transportation & Stationary: Metal Air; Flow cells, capacitors, solid state	36	7
BEEST	Transportation: High Energy Density	32	10
GRIDS	Stationary: Flow cells, conventional cells, SMES, reversible fuel cell, flywheels	38	13
OPEN 2012	Transportation & Stationary: New flow Cell Chemistries; solid state	40	19
AMPED	Transportation & Stationary: Improved BMS algorithms and sensors	30	14
SBIR 2012	Transportation & Stationary: Flow cells, advanced membranes, high-temp cells	13	7
RANGE	Transportation: Robust Lower Energy Density Incorporated into Vehicle Design	36	22

GRIDS & Open FOA FY12 grid storage (Better and Beyond GRIDS) & CHARGES

Valued energy storage technologies that span across a timescale of seconds to hours that deliver grid scale power and outperforms current generation technology in cost and cycle life while decreasing emissions.

Problem Statement

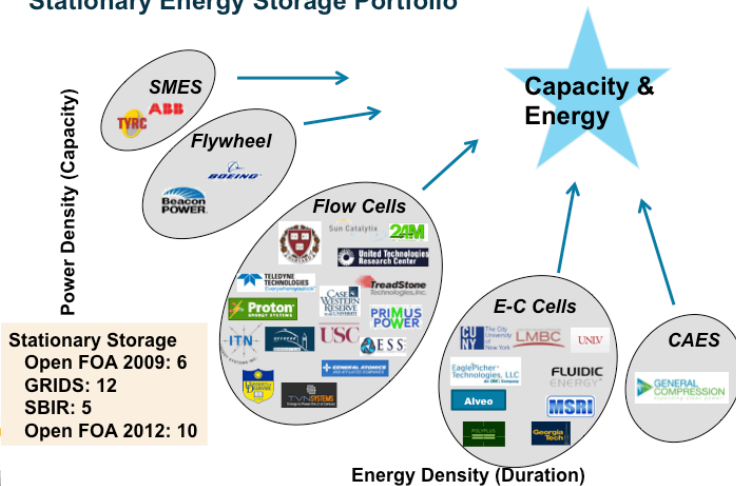
- GRIDS: High penetration of renewables on the grid creates large changes in power that can span from minutes to hours and lead to grid destabilization.
- OPEN FY12: High cost of new T&D coupled with congested environments decreases asset flexibility and grid reliability.
- CHARGES: Limited path to integrate and value new storage technologies in the grid.

Approach

- GRIDS: Focused on a variety of energy storage technologies that deliver power in specific time domains. Cost performance metrics set to be competitive with NGCC spinning reserves and pumped hydro.
- OPEN FY12: Focused on electrochemical energy storage technologies that deliver power across multiple time domains that allows the stacking of grid storage application.
- CHARGES: Develop economic based grid storage duty cycles and performance testing on micro-grid.

Program Portfolio (solutions)

Stationary Energy Storage Portfolio

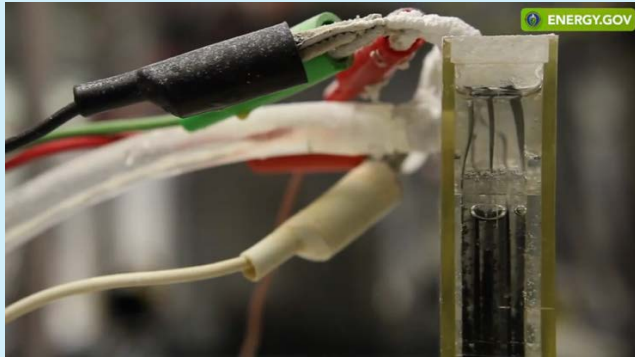


Scientific & Technical Challenges

- Decrease battery cost, while demonstrating high performance and cycle life.
- Minimizing overpotentials. (kinetics or mass transfer)
- Equilibrium effects as a function of SOC.
- Scalable manufacturing and materials.
- Optimize and decrease system (BOP, power electronics)

Sample ARPA-E Project: CUNY

From High-Risk R&D to Storage Start-up in 48 Months



CUNY Energy Institute R&D Zn-Anode Cell

2010

- ▶ \$3M ARPA-E award with aggressive life target (2000 cycles) for non-rechargeable Zn-MnO₂ alkaline cell
- ▶ Technical focus was developing new cathode materials (MnO₂), electrode design, and cycling protocol
- ▶ Distinguished academic team with industry partners and T2M experience



Urban Electric Power (UEP) Prototype

2014

- ▶ >2000 cycles on Zn-MnO₂, now optimizing electrode composition and electrolyte to attain >3000
- ▶ UEP founded in 2012; secured additional R&D funding from NYSERDA, BPA, and ConEd
- ▶ Closed seed round in 2012; nearing close of Series A funding



Sample ARPA-E Project: Harvard University

Novel, Low-Cost Flow Battery is Maturing Rapidly

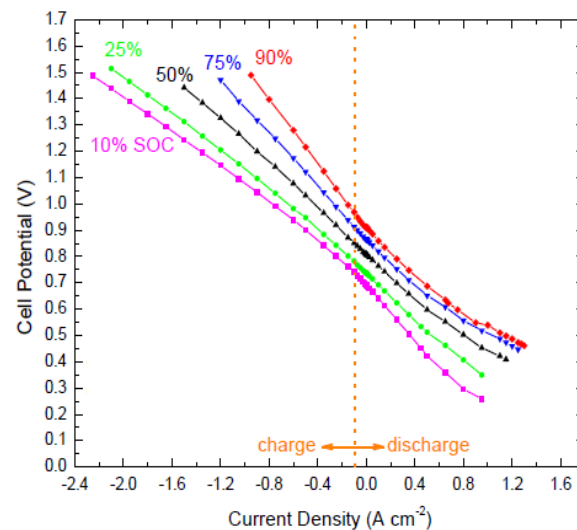
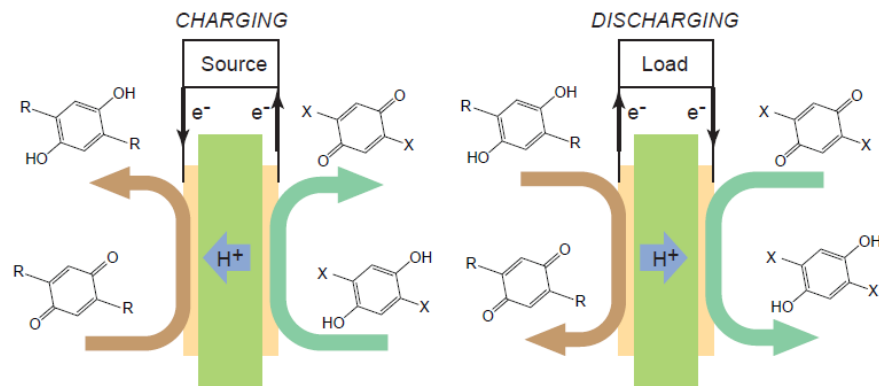
Quinone-Bromide Chemistry

- ▶ **Low Cost Electrolyte:** <\$27/kWh at scale
- ▶ **Fast Kinetics:** 1000x faster than $\text{VO}_2^+/\text{VO}^{2+}$
- ▶ **Modest Stack Costs:** carbon paper electrodes, no catalyst
- ▶ **High Power:** > 600 mW/cm² (peak)
- ▶ **Durable:** > 99.8% capacity retention (700 cycles)
- ▶ **Non-Hazardous:** Aqueous, non-toxic electrolyte



Quinone-Quinone Chemistry

- ▶ Currently under development



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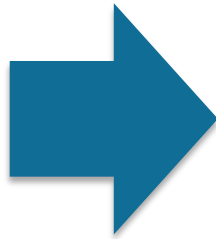
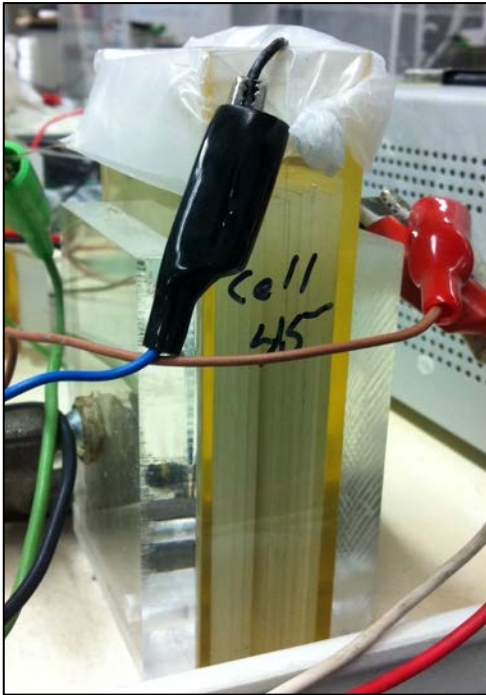
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Sustainable
Innovations

How do we create a path to scale innovation?



- ▶ Need to demonstrate performance, cycle life, cost and manufacturability of new technology at a reasonable scale
- ▶ How can we screen and optimize promising technologies before we fund costly scale up?

CHARGES: Cycling Hardware to Analyze and Ready Gridscale Electricity Storage (CHARGES)



- ▶ Existing ARPA-E performers provide single cell and multi-cell systems for testing
- ▶ CHARGES awardees will provide analysis and testing expertise and the facility where new storage technologies can be tested under controlled conditions as well as under “real world” microgrid operating conditions
- ▶ CHARGES awardees also will facilitate information exchange with potential buyers of stationary storage systems, including utilities and IPPs
- ▶ The objective is to resolve fundamental challenges in physics and chemistry for emerging stationary storage technologies before substantial scaling is required
- ▶ Will also generate credible performance data in the process



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